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Dear producers and other data users:

Information contained herein is the result of mail, phone and personal interview surveys conducted during the past few weeks. Special recognition and appreciation are extended to all producers and agribusinesses who provided data making these reports possible.

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July 2003 Wheat and Oat Production Forecast

Based on July 1 conditions, Nebraska's 2003 winter wheat crop is forecast at 79.9 million bushels, up 64 percent from last year's crop, 10 percent above last month's forecast, and highest since 1999. Average yield is forecast at 47 bushels per acre, up 15 bushels from last year's yield, 3 bushels above last month, and second highest of record behind 1999 at 48 bushels.

Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 1.70 million acres, 180,000 acres more than last year and

the highest since 1999. Wheat harvest started late and did not begin until the first week of July, about a week to ten days behind normal.

Oat production is forecast at 4.4 million bushels, up 87 percent from last year's drought reduced crop.. Acreage for harvest, at 65,000 acres, is up 10,000 acres from 2002. Yield is forecast at 68 bushels per acre, up 25 bushels from the previous year and the highest since 1997.

Winter Wheat and Oats: Area Harvested, Yield and Production, Nebraska, and United States, 2001-2003

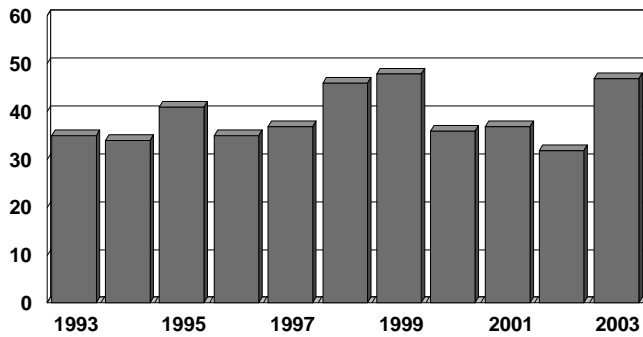
Crop		Nebraska			United States		
		2001	2002	2003 ¹	2001	2002	2003 ¹
Winter Wheat							
Harvested for Grain ²	<i>Percent</i>	91.4	92.1	94.4	76.2	71.0	82.3
For harvest	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	1,600	1,520	1,700	31,295	29,651	36,491
Yield	<i>Bushels</i>	37.0	32.0	47.0	43.5	38.5	47.0
Production	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	59,200	48,640	79,900	1,361,479	1,142,802	1,715,912
Oats							
Harvested for Grain ²	<i>Percent</i>	38.7	31.4	33.3	43.3	41.9	48.9
For harvest	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	60	55	65	1,905	2,098	2,286
Yield	<i>Bushels</i>	61.0	43.0	68.0	61.4	56.8	64.7
Production	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	3,660	2,365	4,420	117,024	119,132	147,895

¹ Forecast. ² Percent of seeded acreage.

Source: USDA NASS Crop Production, July 11, 2003.

NEBRASKA WHEAT YIELD
Forecast as of July 1, 2003

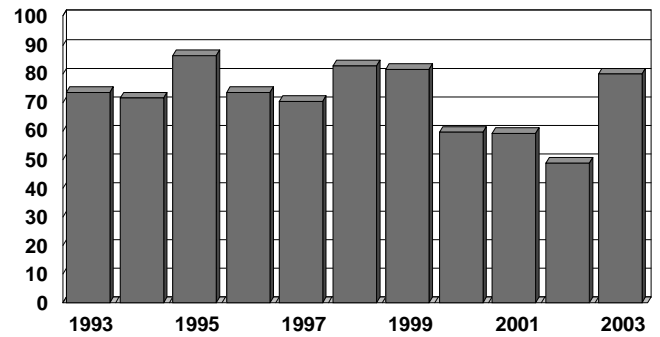
Bu/Acre Harvested



Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service

NEBRASKA WHEAT PRODUCTION
Forecast as of July 1, 2003

Million Bushels



Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service

Winter Wheat: Area Harvested, Yield and Production, Selected States and United States, 2002-2003

State	Acres Harvested		Yield		Production	
	2002	2003 ¹	2002	2003 ¹	2002	2003 ¹
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>		<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	
Colorado	1,650	2,200	22.0	35.0	36,300	77,000
Kansas	8,100	9,700	33.0	49.0	267,300	475,300
Missouri	760	780	45.0	58.0	34,200	45,240
Montana	750	1,750	28.0	37.0	21,000	64,750
Nebraska	1,520	1,700	32.0	47.0	48,640	79,900
Oklahoma	3,500	4,700	28.0	41.0	98,000	192,700
South Dakota	625	1,520	29.0	41.0	18,125	62,320
Texas	2,700	3,600	29.0	29.0	78,300	104,400
Washington	1,750	1,800	59.0	64.0	103,250	115,200
United States	29,651	36,491	38.5	47.0	1,142,802	1,715,912

¹ Forecasted July 1, 2003.

Source: USDA NASS Crop Production, July 11, 2003.

U.S. Grains Supply and Disappearance Outlook

Crop Year	Supply				Market Year Disappearance ¹				Market Year Ending Stocks	Average Market Price
	Pro- duction	Begin- ning stocks	Im- ports	Total	Domestic		Ex- ports	Total		
					Primary Use ²	Other				
Million Bushels										
Corn										\$/bu.
2001/02	9,507	1,899	10	11,416	5,861	2,054	1,905	9,820	1,596	1.97
2002/03	9,008	1,596	15	10,619	5,700	2,310	1,600	9,610	1,009	2.25-2.35
2003/04 ³	10,270	1,009	10	11,289	5,600	2,500	1,850	9,950	1,339	1.90-2.30
Soybeans										
2001/02	2,891	248	2	3,141	1,700	170	1,064	2,933	208	4.38
2002/03	2,730	208	4	2,942	1,610	147	1,030	2,787	155	5.50
2003/04 ³	2,885	155	4	3,044	1,625	169	990	2,784	260	4.35-5.35
Wheat										
2001/02	1,957	876	108	2,941	926	275	962	2,164	777	2.78
2002/03	1,616	777	78	2,472	935	185	860	1,980	492	3.56
2003/04 ³	2,311	492	100	2,903	930	260	975	2,165	738	2.80-3.40
Sorghum										
2001/02	515	42	0	556	208	45	242	495	61	1.94
2002/03	370	61	0	431	165	45	180	390	41	2.30-2.40
2003/04 ³	551	41	0	592	225	55	250	530	62	1.65-2.05

¹ Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1. ² Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food. ³ Projection.

Source: USDA's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, July 11, 2003.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance,
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2002-2003**

STATE	July 1 Number on Feed ¹			June Placements			June Marketings			June Other Disappearance ²		
	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> <u>2002</u>	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> <u>2002</u>	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> <u>2002</u>	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> <u>2002</u>
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	291	266	91	24	34	142	31	32	103	1	2	200
California	485	490	101	67	73	109	62	63	102	5	5	100
Colorado	1,030	890	86	155	135	87	210	230	110	5	5	100
Idaho	300	255	85	49	63	129	58	67	116	1	1	100
Iowa	350	310	89	36	34	94	60	63	105	1	1	100
Kansas	2,160	2,160	100	380	415	109	480	510	106	10	15	150
Nebraska	1,890	1,690	89	295	270	92	460	500	109	5	10	200
New Mexico	101	115	114	23	21	91	16	13	81	2	3	150
Oklahoma	325	350	108	53	52	98	67	59	88	1	3	300
So. Dakota	175	167	95	18	27	150	47	55	117	1	3	300
Texas	2,850	2,820	99	465	470	101	470	520	111	15	10	67
Washington	180	160	89	28	39	139	47	38	81	1	1	100
Other States	350	250	71	51	49	96	68	82	121	3	2	67
United States	10,487	9,923	95	1,644	1,682	102	2,076	2,232	108	51	61	120

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

² Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, July 18, 2003.

Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop, Nebraska and United States, July 1, 2001-2003

Class	Nebraska				United States			
	2001	2002	2003	2003/2002	2001	2002	2003	2003/2002
	<i>1,000 head</i>		<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000 head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	
Cattle and calves	7,250	7,050	6,600	94	105,800	105,100	103,900	99
Cows and heifers that have calved	2,100	2,030	1,950	96	43,000	42,900	42,700	100
Beef cows	2,029	1,963	1,886	96	33,900	33,750	33,600	100
Milk cows	71	67	64	96	9,100	9,150	9,100	99
Heifers 500 pounds and over ¹					16,400	16,200	15,900	98
For beef cow replacement ¹					4,600	4,600	4,600	100
For milk cow replacement ¹					3,600	3,700	3,600	97
Other heifers ¹					8,200	7,900	7,700	97
Steers 500 pounds and over ¹					14,600	14,500	14,200	98
Bulls 500 pounds and over ¹					2,100	2,100	2,100	100
Calves under 500 pounds ¹					29,700	29,400	29,000	99
Calf Crop ²	1,820	1,820	1,760	97	38,280	38,193	38,000	99

¹ State totals not published. ² 2003 calf crop preliminary.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle, July 18, 2003.

Lamb Crop and Market Sheep and Lambs: Inventory by Region and United States, July 1, 2003¹

Regions ²	Lambs Born Through June 30 ³	Lambs Expected After June 30 ⁴	Total Lamb Crop	Breeding Ewes 1+ Jan. 1	Market Lambs					Market Sheep	Market Sheep and Lambs	All Sheep and Lambs
					Under 65 lbs.	65 to 84 lbs.	85 to 105 lbs.	Over 105 lbs.	Total			
					<i>1,000 Head</i>							
Region 1	560	200	760	759	150	155	130	55	490	10	500	1,330
Region 2	630	120	750	820	415	130	35	15	595	15	610	1,740
Region 3	1,300	20	1,320	1,178	830	165	80	110	1,185	15	1,200	2,600
Region 4	630	50	680	489	255	135	95	55	540	10	550	1,220
Region 5	560	60	620	543	195	75	35	15	320	10	330	910
United States	3,680	450	4,130	3,789	1,845	660	375	250	3,130	60	3,190	7,800

¹ Lamb crop is lambs born in the Native States and lambs docked or branded in the Western States. ² States included in regions as follows: 1 - AZ, CA, ID, NV, OR, & WA; 2 - NM & TX; 3 - CO, MT, SD, UT, & WY; 4 - IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, & OK; 5 - all other states.

³ Lambs born alive between January 1, through June 30, 2003. ⁴ Lambs expected to be born July through December 2003.

Source: USDA NASS Sheep, July 18, 2003.

Milk Cows and Production: By Quarter, Nebraska, 20 States and United States, 2002-2003

Item and Quarter	Nebraska		20 States		United States	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
Milk Cows ¹						
January-March	68	66	7,746	7,809	9,112	9,154
April-June	67	65	7,770	7,784	9,149	9,114
Milk Production ²						
January-March	299	297	36,538	37,105	42,397	42,939
April-June	298	293	37,962	37,961	44,015	43,862

¹Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ²Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, July 17, 2003.

Milk Cows and Production: By Month, 20 Selected States , 2002-2003¹

Month	Milk Cows ²		Milk per Cow ³		Milk Production ³		
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
January	7,749	7,807	1,591	1,607	12,327	12,548	102
February	7,744	7,810	1,472	1,484	11,401	11,588	102
March	7,745	7,811	1,654	1,660	12,810	12,969	101
April	7,758	7,798	1,621	1,622	12,575	12,645	101
May	7,769	7,783	1,678	1,668	13,039	12,983	100
June	7,782	7,772	1,587	1,587	12,348	12,333	100
July	7,781		1,578		12,281		
August	7,785		1,570		12,223		
September	7,781		1,497		11,648		
October	7,789		1,539		11,991		
November	7,792		1,496		11,657		
December	7,801		1,575		12,290		
Annual	7,773		18,858		146,590		

¹2003 revised. ²Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ³Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, July 17, 2003.

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